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Applicants: Pandian et al. Art Unit: 1634
Application No.: 09/940,296 Examiner: E.C. Whisenant
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Title: METHOD OF AMPLIFICATION FOR INCREASING THE SENSITIVITY
OF DETECTING NUCLEIC ACID-PROBE TARGET HYBRIDS

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action mailed February 2, 2004.

The requested extension is for Two (2) Months, extending the period for response from May 2, 2004 to July 2, 2004.

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CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8

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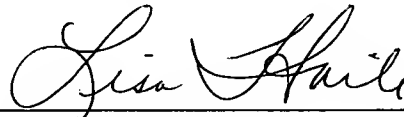
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Enclosed is Check No. 562175 in the amount of \$210.00 to cover the Two (2) Months Extension of Time fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees associated with the filing submitted herewith, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-1355. A copy of this Petition Sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: July 2, 2004



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